

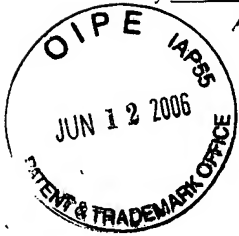
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In re application of:

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. This amendment is accompanied by a one-month Request for Extension of Time, extending the time for responding to June 13, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.